GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA

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BIDI WORKERS
UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have imposed restrictions on manufacture of bidis;

(b) if so, the impact on the employment of workers engaged in bidi manufacturing; and

(c) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to protect the interest of bidi workers?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): To protect the interest of the beedi workers, the Government have enacted various legislations such as Beedi & Cigar Workers (Conditions of Employment) Act, 1966; Beedi Workers Welfare Fund Act, 1976 and Beedi WorkersWelfare Cess Act, 1976. Rules have also been framed under these Acts to safeguard the interest of the beedi workers and their family members. Government is running various welfare schemes, i n the fields of Health, Housing, Social Security, Education and Recreation, under theBeedi Workers Welfare Fund for the benefit of beedi workers and their dependants.